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Mr. Sydney P. Nor
Sec, American Numismatic Society
New York City.

My dear Mr Nor: -

You were so kind in helping entertain some of us at the Convention of the American Fed. of Arts a couple of years ago that I am writing to ask you if you can tell me if the old pennies of the U.S. - from 1793 - 1818 are of especial value as some papers say. I am overwhelmed with questions. Also can you tell me where to get stamps now, Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have gone out of business?

Where can I get any price list of American coins? I get so many questions I cannot answer and would, so, like to know

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Mrs. Jeannette M. Diven,
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Dear Mrs. Diven:-

I was very glad indeed to receive your note of the 16th. I recall very pleasantly the meeting in New York to which you refer, and am wondering whether you will be at the Museum Convention at Washington this Spring.

Regarding your question about pennies of 1793 to 1818, condition plays so large a part in valuation of these pieces that it is difficult to generalize upon them. A piece in perfect condition is almost always at a premium, that is for these early issues of course. Certain of the rarer types, such as the 1799 cent, are expensive. Most of the cents within the years you named are in poor condition and worth little. For an inexpensive list which will give you the coins on which there is a premium, I would refer you to the "Elder Rare Coin Book", which can be obtained in paper binding for something like a dollar. It is published by the Elder Coin & Curio Company, 21 West 35th Street, New York.

As for stamps, I can refer you to the New York Coin & Stamp Company, 11 West 30th Street, New York, as the only one I know among the score in New York City. Most of them are small concerns doing business through mail orders.

If this gives you the information that you desire I shall be very happy.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary